



## *Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation*

MAY 1975

# NEWSLETTER

**NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, May 21 - Presbyterian Church

7:30 p.m. - Board meeting

8:00 p.m. - General meeting

**PROGRAM** - Speaker, Kathryn Eckert, Michigan History Division, on 19th Century Commercial Districts in Small Michigan Towns, illustrated with slides

See you there - bring a friend!

### FLEA MARKET rummage sale

May 23 and 24  
Fri. and Sat.

Sesquicentennial Hall,  
Huron at Washtenaw

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Donations needed - drop  
off Sat. May 17 at  
Sesquicentennial Hall  
or call 482-8989 for  
pickup

Workers needed - call  
Jane Bird to offer  
your help for the  
days of the sale.

### TOWNER HOUSE OUTSIDE PAINTING

Work sessions -

Saturday, June 14  
and

Saturday, June 28

Bring paint scrapers,  
wire brushes, and your  
lunch - we'll provide  
coffee

We had two good work  
sessions on the inside  
of the house last fall -  
we should be able to  
get a lot done on the  
outside in two days.

### RECOGNITION MARKERS

The following committee -

Dottie Disbrow, chr.  
Evangeline Lewis  
Doyne Wolfe  
Omer & Elsie Robbins

will present a list of  
six buildings selected  
to receive markers.

These will be our first  
presentations and plans  
call for about the same  
number of presentations  
following each of our  
quarterly meetings.

## NEWSLETTER Editor

Needed - someone willing to get out a newsletter similar to this one two weeks before each of our meetings - just 4 times a year.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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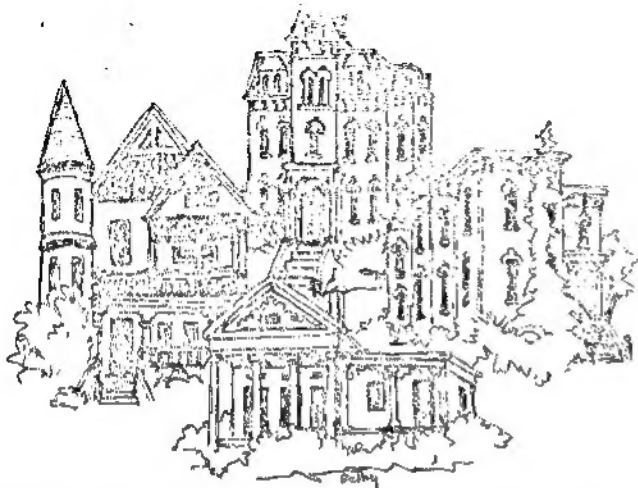
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## Section 2. MEMBERSHIPS

- a) Individual Members shall be those individuals who shall make an annual contribution of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS to the Foundation for any of its purposes, programs, expenses or other lawful or legitimate expenses or expenditures. The Executive Committee shall cause to be issued receipts to each such member upon receipt of their contribution, and to all other members.
- b) Family Members shall be those two or more members of a single family who shall make an annual contribution of FIFTEEN (\$15.00) DOLLARS to the Foundation and who shall have a maximum of TWO (2) VOTES.
- c) Contributing Members shall be those persons, associations, partnerships and corporations who shall make an annual contribution of TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) DOLLARS to the Foundation and who shall have a maximum of TWO (2) VOTES.
- d) Sustaining Members shall be those persons, associations, partnerships and corporations who shall make an annual contribution of ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS to the Foundation and who shall have a maximum of TWO (2) VOTES.
- e) Life Members shall be those persons, associations, partnerships and corporations who shall make a contribution of ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS to the Foundation and who shall have a maximum of TWO (2) VOTES.
- f) All members shall be voting members, including such honorary members as may be named by the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP LIST as of May 1975

ADAMS, Mrs. George (Georgia)	722 Oxford
ANDERSON, Marvin and Diana	614 Roosevelt
BAKER, James and Mary	911 Pearl
BARR, John and Marlene	1200 Whittier
BERRY, Leona	905 Hillside Court
BIRD, George and Jane	1302 Collegewood
BRAUN, Sandy	123 College Place
CALDER, Eugene B.	708 Cambridge
FOX, Katherine	1215 Pearl
CAMMOSE, Mrs. N.G. (Camilla)	208 Elm
DECKER, Gary	303 N. Huron
DISHROW, Mrs. Donald (Dottie)	1705 Roosevelt
EDMUNDS, Nathalie	1303 Westmoorland
FRIES, Gene and Georgina	719 E. Cross
HAAB, Oscar	4255 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor
HARRIS, Jack	510 Pearl
HARRISON, John and Marcia	1302 Whittier
KIRKENDALL, John	1407 W. Cross
KISOR, Mr. & Mrs. Lorenz	110 Woodward
LEE, Robert and Eleanor	1573 S. Congress
LESLIE, Maude	58 E. Forest
LEWIS, Evangeline	415 N. Huron
LISKOW, Mary	708 Oxford
McCRYSTAL, Mr. & Mrs. Robert	1001 W. Cross
MILLIMAN, Doris	1116 Grant
NICKELS, Bill and Karen	311 N. Wallace
O'CONNOR, Ethel	1213 Whittier
PAPPAS, John and Mary	2605 Verna
PETERSON, Ronnie	
RANDAZZO, Don and Marjorie	722 Lowell
ROBBINS, Mr. & Mrs. David	37 Catherine St., Newport, R.I. 02840
ROBBINS, Omer and Elsie	2610 Canyon Drive
SAYRE, George and Susan	2028 Collegewood
SCHMIDT, Joe and Marge	5138 W. Michigan
SHANKWILER, Donald and Beverly	524 E. Cross
SMITH, Andrew	52 S. Summit
SWARTS, Mrs. Ward (LaRea)	1335 Huron River Drive
TOBIAS, Thomas	1203 Collegewood
VAN BOLT, Mr. & Mrs. John	410 N. Huron
VANIADIS, Marjorie	1470 Collegewood
WARNER, Mary	510 Roosevelt
WARREN, Effie, Elizabeth & Frances	801 Cornell
WESTFALL, James	137 N. Washington
WILSON, Homer	202 E. Huron



*Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation*

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# NEWSLETTER

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## First Fall Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 1975

8:00 p.m.

Congregational Church

N. Adams at Emmett

PROGRAM: Ms. Pat Brown, Public Relations Staff  
Roscoe Village Foundation  
Coshocton, Ohio

Ms. Brown will give us a slide-illustrated talk on the highly successful Roscoe Village restoration, of which you may have heard and which some members of our group have visited. It promises to be a very interesting evening - please feel free to bring friends.

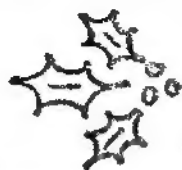
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MEMBERSHIP FEES are due by Nov. 15 for those people who joined the Foundation last fall and are payable at any time now. Our bank account would appreciate it very much if you could pay your dues at the Sept. meeting, thus eliminating the need to send you a bill. At current postage rates, every 10¢ saved helps a good deal.

## TOWNER HOUSE

At this writing, the house has been about half scraped and primed and, hopefully, by the time of our first meeting, the scraping and priming will be done and a good part of the final paint coat will be on and the house will soon be an asset to the community again. We had some help with scraping - we NEED HELP WITH PAINTING !

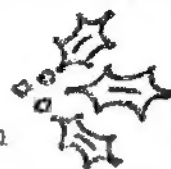
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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat. Nov. 8

Congregational Church



Plans for the bazaar have been underway for months and a lot of beautiful and exciting things have already been completed and many more are underway. It will take the cooperation of everyone to make this a successful event - we will need help setting up on Friday afternoon and evening (Nov. 7) and selling on Saturday. If you have not yet been contacted about your contribution to the bazaar, please call one of the committee

members - Diana Anderson 482-2571  
Jane Bird 482-8989

Mary Warner 482-8217  
Deci Howard 483-2625

## BAZAAR WORKSHOPS

We will get together to make items for the bazaar, particularly wreaths, on the Saturday afternoons listed below. We need lots of help, and there will be work even for those of you who think you can't do anything! There'll be coffee ready - and lots of fun - plan to come!

Sat. Sept. 27

Sat. Oct. 4

Sat. Oct. 11



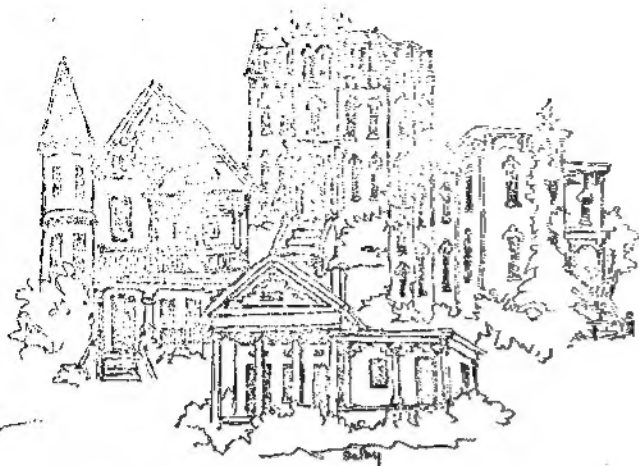
1:00 p.m.

Congregational Church

downstairs

Use back door, please





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NEXT MEETING - Thursday, November 20 - 2nd ANNUAL MEETING

137 N. Washington St. (James Westfall's home)

8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM - Election of 4 Board members  
Brief business meeting

Speaker - Bonnie L. DeLoof on "Historic Preservation  
in Ann Arbor, Past and Present"

Mrs. DeLoof and her attorney husband, John DeLoof, have been leading forces in the Ann Arbor preservation movement since its beginnings. Mrs. DeLoof, a realtor-broker, is associated with Ann Arbor Tomorrow and is a member of the Ann Arbor Historical Foundation. She will bring slides to illustrate her talk which will bring us up to date on Ann Arbor's preservation activities.

See you there - bring a friend!

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MEMBERSHIP FEES are due now for those people who joined the Foundation last fall. Please plan to pay your dues at this meeting if you have not already done so.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - The figures are not all in yet, but it appears that the Bazaar was a financial success, thanks to contributions by a goodly number of members and some very hard work by a smaller number of members. Many thanks to those of you who helped to make the Bazaar an attractive, successful event.

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TOWNER HOUSE - Painting on the house itself is almost done and is hardly recognizable as the same building we started with last year at this time. Unhappily, however, due to lack of help and dropping temperatures, the back of the house and the garage will go unpainted this winter.

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Our first year, with its growing pains, is behind us - let's work together to make the second year a really good one, with more growing and fewer pains!





## *Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation*

MARCH 1976

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# NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 31

8:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

PROGRAM - Our speaker will be Richard Neumann, preservation architect for the Ann Arbor firm Preservation Urban Design, Inc., with a slide-illustrated presentation on preservation techniques.

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This meeting seems to follow right upon the heels of the last one because at the last Board meeting it was decided to hold meetings every two months rather than just four times a year. Meetings will hereafter be held on the 4th Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May with the possibility each year of some kind of event in July. So, in order to get on the new schedule, we will meet this month - on the 5th Wednesday, however, instead of the 4th because the church was not available for the earlier date.

See you on the 31st - bring a friend!

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Other Board decisions include plans for -

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

To be held again in November - we had a good bit of success last year for our first effort and heard many favorable comments - start planning your projects now - let's make it bigger and better this year!

Jane VanBolt, Chrm.  
483-6972

#### 4th of July CRAFT FAIR

A big, new event, to be held on parade day, at the old fire station - we hope to have 20-30 demonstrators, some of them our own members - and hope to attract many visitors after the parade, to acquaint them with the work of the Foundation and hopefully raise a little money through donations. If you are skilled in an art or craft, or know someone who is, please contact Tom.

Tom Tobias, Chrm.  
483-5818

#### 4th of July PARADE FLOAT

Our space in the parade is already reserved - the float chairman has ideas - he'll need help when it gets closer to parade time - VOLUNTEER, it's patriotic!

Don Randazzo, Chrm.  
482-6144

NOTE: The 4th of July parade is being held on the 3rd of July, I know not why - our events will therefore also be on the 3rd.

Mark your calendar - our future meeting dates -

You will receive a Newsletter prior to each meeting as long as we can afford to pay the postage -  
PAY YOUR DUES!

Wed. May 26, 1976  
Wed. Sept. 22, 1976  
Wed. Nov. 17, 1976 (the 3rd Wed. because the next week is Thanksgiving)  
Wed. Jan. 26, 1977  
Wed. Mar. 23, 1977  
Wed. May 25, 1977

The following amendment to the By-laws and the Articles of Incorporation is recommended by the Board of Directors and will be voted on at the March 31, 1976 meeting:

Article III, Section 2 of the By-laws, and  
Article X, Section 2 of the Articles of Incorporation  
shall be amended as follows:

- f. Student members (currently enrolled at any level through college) and Senior Citizen members (65 years and over) shall be those individuals who shall make an annual contribution of THREE (\$3.00) DOLLARS to the Foundation and who shall have ONE (1) VOTE.
- g. All members shall be voting members, including such honorary members as may be named by the Board of Directors.

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HOSPITALITY committee - Mary Liskow (483-1395) is the new chairperson of the hospitality crew. She will be looking for people willing to furnish refreshments for our meetings. You would not be asked more than once in two years - hope you can help.



## Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation

May 1976

# NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting - Wednesday, May 26

8:00 p.m.

at the home of Evangeline Lewis

415 N. Huron

PROGRAM - Our speaker will be Weston Stevens, curator of Lemay House, Ann Arbor, with a slide-illustrated talk on period architecture in this area.

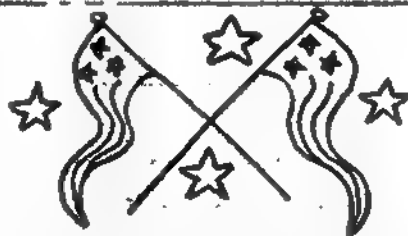
SEE YOU THERE - bring a friend!

### PARADE

Plans for the float are well underway with one problem - float chrm. Don Randazzo (482-6144) has not been able to locate a flat bed trailer or wagon - any one know of one we can borrow?

### Pay your DUES

If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter. Our membership list is now up-to-date and those people whose dues are in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list unless dues are renewed promptly.



### 3rd. of July OPEN HOUSE at the TOWNER HOUSE

Towner House will be open this day so that visitors may view a 139-year old house and see how successfully it can be rehabilitated for today's living.

The house will be open when the parade ends (12:00) and for the rest of the day (until 4:00) There will be no admission fee, but donations will be welcome.

Chrm: Tom Tobias  
483-5818

### CRAFT FAIR

This event, planned for the 3rd of July, was cancelled when it was learned that the Historical Museum had similar plans still underway. This event has now been replaced by the Open House



### Don't FORGET -

Christmas Bazaar

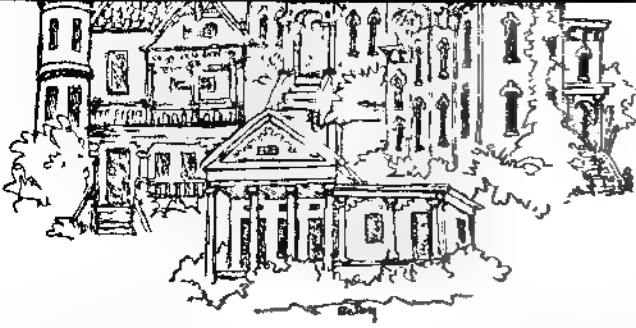
Fri. Nov. 12

Congregational Church

Chrm: Jane VanBolt  
483-6972



1st FALL Meeting -  
Wed. Sept. 22



September 1976

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NEXT Meeting - Wednesday, September 22  
8:00 p.m.  
Presbyterian Church

Speaker - SENATOR CARL PURSELL

See you there - bring friends and neighbors - all are welcome!

## AWARD WINNER!

Our 4th of July parade float won 2nd place in the American Legion competition! Thanks & congratulations to Don Randazzo and Gary Decker who put in untold hours building the scale model of the Towner House. The model, a great children's playhouse or garden shed, is for sale - see D. Randazzo

MARKERS - will again be awarded at our November meeting. If you have suggestions on buildings you think should be considered, contact marker committee chairman Gary Decker before Oct. 10.

## NOTABLE EVENT!

On Aug. 14, our tenant Gary Decker & Carolyn Wolf were married - congratulations and best wishes!

## 1977 CALENDAR

is out!

The 1977 edition of the Heritage Foundation engagement calendar is ready for sale, illustrated again with drawings and paintings of historic Ypsilanti architecture. Price this year is \$2.00, less than last year, making it a real bargain and a wonderful Christmas gift for all.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

Friday, Nov. 12  
Congregational Church

Jane VanBolt is in charge of this event. If you have not already been contacted, please call her. Last year's bazaar was a success on which we had many compliments - let's make this year's bigger and better!

Bazaar WORKSHOPS - will be held at the Towner House on Sat. Oct. 2 and Sat. Oct. 9

## 4th of July OPEN HOUSE

was a big success. An estimated 300 people toured the Towner House after the parade and were still coming when we closed at 4:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER Meeting -

Wed. Nov. 17 at Jim Westfall's home, 137 N. Washington. This will be our annual meeting with election of four Board members. We will also present recognition markers at this meeting. Those people receiving markers for their historic buildings will be our guests at this meeting.

November 1976

# NEWSLETTER

NEXT Meeting - Wednesday, November 17

8:00 pm.

at the home of James Westfall  
137 N. Washington

SPEAKER - Foster Fletcher will speak on and  
show slides of  
historic Ypsilanti  
architecture

See you there - bring friends - all are welcome!



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Friday, Nov. 12

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Congregational Church  
(corner N. Adams & Emmet)

Bring your articles (already  
priced, if possible) to the  
church between 4:00 and 8:00 pm  
on Thursday or at 8:00 am on  
Friday.

Tell friends & neighbors about  
the bazaar - the more customers,  
the merrier!

## MARKER PRESENTATIONS

Our special guests at the Nov. 17  
meeting will be the newest  
recipients of historic structure  
markers - those people who are  
actively engaged in preservation  
and to whom we present markers  
in recognition of their efforts:

Joseph Lawrence - 212 S. Huron

Oscar Haab - 119 N. Huron

Al & Don Congdon - 111 Pearl

Doyne Wolfe - 202 S. Huron

Eugene Calder - 29 S. Huron

Mark Harris - 106 N. Adams

## ELECTIONS

Four Board members will be elected at this meeting,  
which is also our annual meeting. Immediately  
following the general meeting, the Board will meet  
to elect officers for the coming year.

## 1977 CALENDAR Sales

Calendar sales are running well ahead of last year -  
buy yours soon - they make excellent Christmas gifts.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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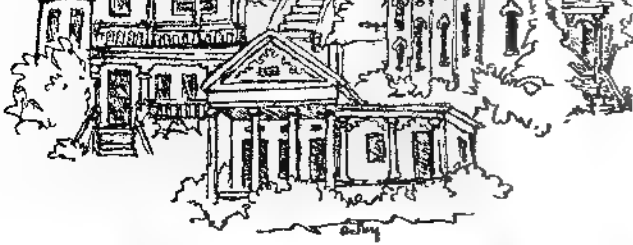
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JANUARY 1977

# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, January 26, 8:00 p.m.

L A D I E S' L I T E R A R Y C L U B  
218 North Washington  
Ypsilanti

PROGRAM - A Nationally Renowned Speaker on Historic  
Preservation:

J O H N C O L L I N S  
President of The Marshall Historic Society  
Secretary-Treasurer of The Historical Society of Michigan

COME!!! Enjoy - the noted speaker  
Enjoy - the others, members and guests, who have  
in common an interest in Ypsilanti's  
Architectural Heritage  
Enjoy - the restored glories of The Ladies' Literary  
Club

CONGRATULATIONS  
to the new board members:  
Jane VanBolt and  
Bruce Rankin

Harpily, too,  
Oscar Haab and  
Don Randazzo  
were re-elected

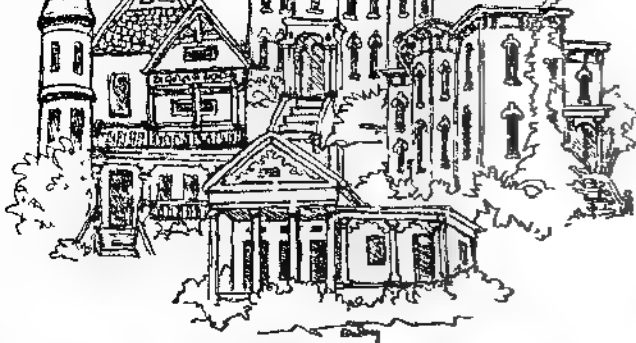
NEWS - A Special Committee  
of the Ypsilanti City Council  
is working on the Historic  
District Ordinance. Jane Bird,  
our president, is one of the  
members of that committee.

## GOOD NEWS!!

The State of Michigan Historical  
Division has sent the Ypsilanti  
Historical District Nomination  
to the National Register of the  
Department of the Interior in  
Washington, D.C. The designated  
Ypsilanti Historic District is  
already on the State Register;  
we are hoping that we will soon  
be on the National Register  
as well.

ITEM - Saturday, January 22  
at 10:00 a.m., at The Kempf House  
312 South Division  
Ann Arbor  
a group of leaders interested  
and involved in Historic Preser-  
vation will be discussing what  
the county can do for National  
historic Preservation Week. If  
you are interested in attending  
or making suggestions, call Jane  
Bird or Nathalie Edmunds.





MARCH 1977

# NEWSLETTER

NEST MEETING --- Thursday, March 24, 8:00 p.m.

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H O F Y P S I L A N T I  
300 North Washington Street .

PROGRAM --- Our own President!!!!

J A N E B I R D

--- Jane is one of only thirty preservationists in the nation to have been invited to the Community Preservation Conference, March 12 through 19th -- at MARSHALL, Michigan, a conference sponsored by The National Trust for Historic Preservation and The National Park Service.

--- We have asked Jane to share with us some of her learning experiences from this week-long conference. She will have participated in lectures, seminars, discussions, class projects, and special orientation tours (of MARSHALL'S wealth of historic buildings)!!! She has to come back with ideas and enthusiasm, and we are delighted that she has agreed to share some of these with us. So, COME, ask questions, get involved -- NOW!!!

Historic Preservation Week  
May 8 -- 15

Do something special!! and come to our regular meeting, which will include the spring presentation of Historic Markers. (Invite a friend; the public is invited!)

The Michigan History Division of the Department of State will be holding a conference on historic preservation during the first week of May. Call Jane Bird (482-8989) or Nat Edmunds (482-5218)

Thanks, Jane and Nat, for asking the Ypsilanti Press to do a series on "House of the Month." The beautiful house at 212 Washtenaw has appeared.

Membership in the Foundation continues to grow. At least nine new members have been added to our list since our last meeting. (Ypsilanti is alive and its health is improving!) Welcome!

Don't forget to be thinking about items for our Fall Bazaar. Call Jane Van Bolt, Chairman, 483-6972.

There has been a vacancy on the Board of Directors since Joseph Warren, who served ex-officio, left his position with the city. The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that it has selected Jack Harris to fill that vacancy.

We love you,  
and we love you  
even more when you  
PAY YOUR DUES!!!



MAY 1977

# NEWSLETTER

**NEXT MEETING** --- Thursday, May 12, 1977, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Bill and Karen Nickels:  
311 North Wallace Boulevard, Ypsilanti

**PROGRAM** --- Speaker: Councilwoman Nathalie Edmunds

Our own Vice-president will talk with us about her role in a special meeting on Historic Preservation at Grand Rapids this weekend, May 6 and 7. Nat has been invited to be a member of a panel entitled "Historic Resources and Designation", under the direction of John Kern, Historic Preservation Coordinator, Michigan History Division of the Department of State. She will outline for them--and us--the steps taken by Ypsilanti preservationists to secure a National Register Nomination for Ypsilanti. **SLIDES WILL BE SHOWN!** Hopefully, Nat will brief us, as well, on the Grand Rapids meeting as a whole, which sounds exciting. **IT IS IMPORTANT** for all of us to **BE INFORMED**, so come! Open discussion will follow.

## THINK!

Don Randazzo (luckily for us) has offered again to do the float for the 4th of July parade. He needs an IDEA. Call him at 482-6144. He also needs a trailer. Any ideas?

## --- Note of Thanks ---

We have Karen Nickels, Mary Warner, and Carolyn Decker to thank for the refreshments to be served during our Historic Preservation Week Walk, this Sunday, May 8. Cookies and punch on the Towner House lawn. Come!

## New Members:

James and Elsie Porter  
1270 Hill Street  
Ypsilanti. WELCOME!

**SPECIAL APPRECIATION** goes to Mr. Tom Conway for his generous offer to open his car museum in the Old Fire Station during our Huron Street Walk.

## ATTENTION!!!

Sunday, May 8, the Heritage Foundation is sponsoring an Historic-Architectural-Visual-Feast: a walking tour of North Huron Street, from the Towner House south, almost to Pearl Street, and back up the east side, past old City Hall and beyond to the Lewis House, and around to Mr. Conway's new Old Car Museum (the Old Fire Station), which will be open to the public. This will be a guided tour, with groups leaving the Towner House lawn intermittently from 1 p.m. until 4. Attention will be paid to history, architecture, and anecdotes about the people who have lived in these great houses. You should know that the Depot Town Association is also sponsoring events and the Ypsilanti Historical Museum will, of course, be open. Ypsilanti, let it be known, is doing more for National Historic Preservation Week than anywhere else in the county. Watch the papers for details! Do come on Sunday, and encourage others. This is a time for optimism! Help us to spread it!

MORE ATTENTION, over---

## The Christmas Bazaar Returns

Only six short months until the Charitmas bazaar!! In the past, the bazaar has been our best source of financial support--thanks to the contributions and labor of many members (and non-members, too). It's not too early to start working on items or planning your contribution to the effort. We can use all kinds of handmade articles, plants-dried and live, books, collectibles, baked goods, home canned goods or homemade dressings, even high-class junk. Anyone with ideas or willingness to be in charge of some aspect of the bazaar should contact Jane VanBolt at 483-6972. For such a young organization, we have put together some really high quality bazaars in the past, and with your help this year's will be even better.

Jane VanBolt            483-6972

# NEWSLETTER

## TWO Meetings in November !!!

### ① Heritage Foundation ANNUAL MEETING - Important!

Monday, Nov. 7 - 8:00 p.m. - at the home of Jim Westfall  
137 N. Washington Street

PROGRAM - Elections !!! This will be our main opportunity to get together this fall as an organization. We will be electing two new members to the Board. We are again fortunate to have been offered the comfort and hospitality of the Westfall home! Take advantage of our good fortune, and come!

### ② Second in the Series: "Five Landmarks of Ypsilanti - Community Identity

Tuesday, Nov. 15 - 8:00 p.m. - at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 W. Forest

TOPIC: The Becker-Stacklewitz House, 601 W. Forest (across the street from Holy Trinity)

SPEAKERS: Professor Richard Bilaitis, Department of Art and  
Curator of the WSU Collection, Wayne State University

Professor Bilaitis is a member of WSU President's new Historic Preservation Advisory Commission which consists of members from all areas of concern in matters of old buildings as they relate to the University and the community. Professor Bilaitis has been praised by Detroit architects for his work in the restoration of two important examples of domestic architecture in the WSU area. He was the inspiration behind student involvement and the preservation courses presently being taught at WSU. He will not only show us slides of the restoration work in progress there, but he has been quietly, shall I say almost secretively, taking pictures of towers in Ypsilanti - buildings which he hopes to compare/contrast with the Stacklewitz building. Above all, he will bring his experience to the discussion of alternatives in the question of what to do with a threatened structure.

Janet Kreger, M.A. (Columbia, in Historic Preservation!), has actually taken her degree in that new area of higher education - historic preservation - and will bring her own point of view and her own experience (in New York and Michigan) to the discussion of alternatives.

We hope to have students, staff members and administrators from Eastern Michigan present and participating in the discussion. But above all we want not only members of the Heritage Foundation but as large a representation from the general public as we can muster. Call your friends and bring at least one!

## AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON

Article V, Section 5 of the Foundation By-Laws now reads:

Removal of Member of Executive Committee (Board of Directors)  
At any regular or special meeting duly called, any one or more of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the members may be removed with or without cause by a vote of the majority of the entire membership of record and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. Any member of the Executive Committee whose removal has been proposed by the members shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting.

The following amendment is an addition to Section 5 proposed by the Board of Directors and will be voted upon at the Nov. 7, 1977 meeting:

Any Director who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings, without an excuse deemed valid and so recorded by the Board of Directors, shall be considered as having resigned as such Director.

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DUES are due !

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### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

Friday, November 11  
Presbyterian Church

Please bring your bazaar items (already priced, if possible) to the church on Thursday evening or get them to Jane VanBolt (483-6972) ahead of time.

The committee has worked hard for another beautiful bazaar.  
Word of mouth is our best form of advertising - SPREAD THE WORD!

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### NEW MEMBERS

Walter and Anna Preston  
2014 Whittier

James (Terry) Bond  
221 South Washington

WELCOME !

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### CALENDARS

1978 Heritage Foundation engagement calendars are available at \$2.50. They make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends, children's teachers, the mailman and anyone else you wish to remember at Christmas.

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### WARD SWARTS DEPARTS

Family ties and a gentler climate have persuaded Ward & LaRea Swarts to move to Virginia. Ward, who served as architectural consultant to the Foundation so willingly, so so generously and so expertly, will be sorely missed. We wish them both all the joys their devoted work here has earned them.

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DUES are due !

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### NEW ATTORNEY

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that John VanBolt is the Foundation's new attorney. We look forward to a long and happy association.

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### BOARD MEETING - Important !

There will be a Board of Directors meeting immediately following the general meeting on Nov. 7 at which time the Board will elect officers.

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DUES are due !

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March 1978

# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 21 - 8:00 p.m. - at the Ypsilanti Girls' Club (Gilbert House)  
227 North Grove Street

PROGRAM - the fourth session in the Series: "Five Landmarks of Ypsilanti - Community Identity and the Uses of the Past"

TOPIC - "The Gilbert House - a Good Place to Begin in Preservation Education"

SPEAKER - Mr. William D. Gernes, Director  
Winona County Historical Society, Inc.  
Winona, Minnesota

Mr. Gernes, who comes to us on recommendation of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will discuss the educational programs in progress in Winona, where they have already developed a unique series of courses for grades seven through twelve. The objective is to train young people to see and appreciate the built environment. Since Eastern Michigan has long been known for the quality of its teacher training programs and, now, since Ypsilanti has its large historic district (with ordinance), it seems important, if not crucial, that we move in the direction of educating people, especially the young, to see one of our most valuable resources, our splendid collection of old buildings. Mr. Gernes can help to point the way to awakening larger public interest in preservation and utilization.

Two panelists from Eastern Michigan University will volley questions at our speaker as stimulant to an open discussion. They will not make speeches. Both are interested in specific aspects of creativity and young people:

Dr. Marie Dellas, Associate Professor of  
Educational Psychology

Dr. Steven Zambito, Professor of Curriculum  
and Instruction

A staff member of Preservation Urban Design, Inc. of Ann Arbor will also be present to answer questions about the Girls' Club building and his firm's plans for its restoration.

COME !!! — Give your support, and encourage a teacher or other friend to come !!! There will be a very brief slide presentation on "The Gilbert House: Past and Present".

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR??? Yes! It's not too early to begin planning. Think of what you might contribute. (Items priced at under \$5 sell best.) We need your ideas, handicrafts, baked goods, toys, plants, pickles, jams and jellies, and rummage!

WELCOME to these New Members:

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Riley  
512 Roosevelt Blvd.

Miss R. Elaine Found  
Miss Judy Williston  
893 Cliffs Drive #107A

## Mortgage Bankers Interested in Preservation ?

In a January meeting of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, held at the Detroit Renaissance Center, there were workshops and panel discussions on such subjects as 'What Will It Take to Rejuvenate Our Cities?', 'Problems and Potentials of Urban Lending', and 'Adaptive Re-Use of Older Commercial Properties'. Very encouraging, MBA !

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MAY Meeting: Plans are in progress for an extended program of meetings, preferably held during Preservation Week, May 7 through 13. Anyone interested in helping with the preparations for or the activities during that week should call Jack Harris, 485-2155, evenings.

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## Historic District Commission:

The new Ypsilanti Historic District Commission, established by Ordinance 496, is now holding regular meetings. The members, appointed by the Mayor, are as follows:

Jane Bird, Chairperson  
Jack Harris, Vice-chairperson  
Nathalie Edmunds  
A.P. Marshall  
Donald Randazzo  
Beverly Shankwiler  
John VanBolt

Members report that cooperation and support from the community is very encouraging at this point. Congratulations are in order for those people in the community who have worked hardest over the past several years to bring this to a reality, especially Jane Bird and Nat Edmunds. Ypsilanti can be proud of this major new development.

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THANKS for the Hospitality at the March meeting goes to

Shelley Rankin  
Mary Warner  
Renee Burgess



# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, May 16 - 8:00 p.m. - at Brown Chapel  
AME Church  
401 S. Adams St.

PROGRAM - Presentation of Historic Structure Markers  
and  
The fifth (and last) of the Series: "Five Landmarks of  
Ypsilanti: Community Identity and the Uses of the Past"

TOPIC - "The Glover House (Child and Family Service of Washtenaw  
County), 118 S. Washington Street, the South Side, and  
Community Pride"

SPEAKER - Mr. Carl B. Westmoreland, Trustee of the National Trust  
and Vice-President and Executive Director, Madisonville  
Housing Service, Cincinnati, Ohio

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Carl B. Westmoreland is well known nationally as a prime mover in the restoration and revitalization of two decaying neighborhoods in Cincinnati. With a graduate degree in urban sociology from the University of Cincinnati, he is by vocation a social planner, but he has given a great deal of his time, without pay, to the bootstrap efforts in Cincinnati to make specific areas of that city livable again. The once beautiful neighborhoods of Mt. Auburn and Madisonville, both deteriorated in varying degrees, have experienced a renaissance in recent years, with a good share of the credit going to Mr. Westmoreland. The organizations which he has supported and sometimes led have been exceptionally resourceful in obtaining funding. He has been equally adept at moving citizens, both property owners and tenants, to a new sense of pride in where they live. Being black himself, he is particularly interested in the problems which confront black people in decaying neighborhoods; but he speaks with a message that is meaningful to all of us, e.g.:

"I honestly believe that it is up to us who live in inner-city neighborhoods to change them, and we can only change them if we educate each other ... I see beauty where I live, and I'm responsible for the filth in the streets. My neighbors are responsible for it. We cannot depend on the benevolence of people who live outside our community. We have our own methods of doing things when we want to. An indifferent government makes it harder. An indifferent banker makes it harder. But it is not impossible."

----- See Preservation News, Oct. 1977,  
pp. 1 and 16; see also Historic  
Preservation, April-June 1972,  
pp. 30-37: both are interviews  
with Mr. Westmoreland.

This final evening of our series this year is funded by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Humanities. We think we have been exceptionally fortunate to obtain this nationally-known speaker to talk with us about "Neighborhood Pride". Don't miss this meeting! Come to the Brown Chapel, AME Church, Tuesday, May 16!!!

Those holding tickets given out at the meeting at the church will be admitted to a reception afterward at the Glover house, refreshments to be served by the Heritage Foundation and the ladies of Family Service, who will give us a tour of the house.



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NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK IS UPON US: MAY 8 - 14

We hope that you will be interested in - and advertise among your friends and neighbors - the events taking place in Ypsilanti, all of which are at least in part inspired by the Heritage Foundation:

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AN YPSILANTI HOUSE TOUR! Sun. May 14 (Mother's Day) - 12:30 to 4:30

Tickets: \$2.00 - available on the lawn of Old City Hall on tour day

This tour represents the combined efforts of the Heritage Foundation House Tour committee and the East Side Citizens Association. Many of the houses are in the proposed addition to the Historic District on the east side. Included on the tour will be the Hutchinson House (High/Scope) and the Lewis House, plus many which have not been open before.

How could you possibly miss it?? Bring "Mother"! Call friends!!!

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Don't miss the MAJOR EXHIBITION of Carol Selby's watercolors entitled "Historic Ypsilanti", now on display in the main lobby of the Center for Educational Resources (the Library) at Eastern Michigan University.

NINETEEN BEAUTIFUL WATERCOLORS OF SOME OF THE MOST  
INTERESTING OF YPSILANTI'S OLDER BUILDINGS - NOW ON DISPLAY!

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AN EMU CAMPUS HISTORIC WALK

Thursday, May 11 - 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Jack Harris will lead walks on the hour as scheduled. The meeting place will be Starkweather Hall, a recent addition to the National Register of Historic Places. The program will begin with a slide show in the lecture room of Starkweather Hall followed by a tour of the older part of the campus. Harris sees this as a pleasant 'consciousness raiser', a means of getting people to see and appreciate that part of the campus which gives us a sense of permanence, a link with the past, both historically and architecturally.

## A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT!

A collection of the photographs of Professor Lester Fader of the School of Architecture at the University of Michigan will be shown in Starkweather Hall during Preservation Week. These pictures are of some of the landmarks of Ypsilanti and are part of a larger Collection of photographs of old buildings shown last year in Ann Arbor. This is their first showing in Ypsilanti. Prof. Fader is a master photographer, an artist with the camera. Don't miss this small, fine exhibit!

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## HISTORIC STRUCTURE MARKER Presentations !

The Heritage Foundation is proud to present Historic Structure markers to the following people, true preservationists all:

Karl Parsons for his c. 1895 Queen Anne house at 411 N. Adams

Robert Hamilton for his c. 1840 Greek Revival house at 501 N. River

James (Terry) Bond for his c. 1860 Italianate house at 221 S. Washington

Melvin Rydberg for his c. 1860 Second Empire house at 209 N. Summit

High/Scope Foundation for the c. 1903 Hutchinson House (Casa Loma)  
at the corner of N. River and E. Forest

St. Luke's Church for its c. 1858 Structure at 120 N. Huron

These owners will be our honored guests on Tuesday, May 16 - come to meet and thank them!

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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

Summer is fast approaching (we hope!) with vacations & free time - plan now what you will contribute to the Bazaar so that you can be working on it over the summer. If you plan to put up pickles, jams, jellies, relishes, etc., set aside a few jars for the Bazaar.

Other suggestions: plants  
rummage  
craft items to sell for under \$5

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## 4th of July Parade (Mon. July 3)

The Heritage Foundation will enter a float again this year - ideas are needed !!! If you have a brilliant inspiration, call Bill Nickels at 483-8896. He will be needing help with float building, too.

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# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, September 19 - 8:00 p.m.  
at the Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
300 N. Washington (corner of Emmet)

PROGRAM - the first of a new series of programs, entitled:

THE CHALLENGES OF HISTORIC PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

TOPIC - "Economic Feasibility of Restoration and Rehabilitation"

SPEAKERS - Bonnie DeLoof, Ann Arbor broker and realtor, head of DeLoof and Associates; one of four founding members of Concept 4, a corporation which has gained the respect of the business and financial community for its success in renovating older buildings; a leading force in Ann Arbor Tomorrow, a group of people working to reverse the movement toward decay that was evident in downtown Ann Arbor a few years ago. Hence, she has been a chief force in the revitalization of downtown Ann Arbor.

Carolyn Arcure, who with her husband, Dr. Joseph Arcure, has lovingly, painstakingly, and with great skill and taste, renovated their own living quarters in one of the commercial buildings they have rehabilitated.

Malcolm Collins, Architect with the Michigan History Division, Department of State, Lansing

COME !!! - Give this exciting new series, painstakingly organized by our program chairperson, Nat Edmunds, an impressive sendoff! There's power in numbers! Encourage others to come! Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served, again, by our invaluable refreshment committee.

Ted Hauser, Ypsilanti's Director of Community Development reports:

- 1) that the City has initiated the Rehabilitation Grant and Loan Program, a federally supported effort geared to help moderate and low income owners fix up their properties.
- 2) that the entire Historic District is included in the area eligible for the above mentioned grants and loans.
- 3) that his office is investigating and assisting residents in preparing applications to file for historic preservation grants available from both the National Register office and state-based offices.

SPRING (1978) HOME TOUR A RESOUNDING SUCCESS !!!

A steady stream of visitors toured houses on Huron Street and on the East Side.

Especial thanks go to those friends of historic preservation who opened their homes to the public. Thanks, and ever thanks!

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE !!

Like a phoenix from the ashes, the Cornwell-Beyer House at 203 North Huron lifts its gables skyward again. What an inspiration to us all - thanks again to Oscar Haab.

The HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, appointed early this year to review all building permits involving properties within the Historic District, reports a successful, if hectic, first spring and summer of meetings with property owners. The public response has for the most part been positive, supportive & encouraging. This year will have been a learning experience both for the members of the Commission and the public. Heritage Foundation members do well to support the Historic District concept. Come to the Foundation meetings and talk with other members, a few of whom are also on the Commission.

DON RANDAZZO, Board member of the Foundation and member of the Historic District Commission, has received a scholarship to attend the National Trust for Historic Preservation's workshop on Historic Preservation Maintenance, a week-long conference to be held in Little Rock, Ark. later this month. What Don learns at this workshop will be a tremendous help to our whole preservation effort in Ypsilanti.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR !!

Date: November 10 (Friday)

Place: Presbyterian Church

We need people to WORK that day! Please call Karen Nickels 483-8896 to set your working time.

Take your items to the church basement on Thursday, Nov. 9. Someone will be there from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you need items picked up, call Karen Nickels.

All kinds of articles are needed for the bazaar - books, crafts, goods you have canned, plants, rummage (items not larger than a bread box). We are in dire need of items.

There will be crafts people demonstrating their talents at the bazaar. A tinsmith & a ceramics (hand painted) artist will be there - we are hoping for two more, also.

Hope you can all attend!

DUES are due!

Hip - Hip - Hooray !!! Did you know that the Heritage Foundation took the second place trophy in the 4th of July parade? Special thanks to Bill & Karen Nickels, Jerry Cullin, Anna Preston, Bruce Rankin and Don Randazzo.

## \*\*\*\* U.S. SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LANDMARKS LAW IN GRAND CENTRAL CASE \*\*\*\*

In a stunning victory for historic preservation efforts across the country, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 26 that New York City's landmark designation statute is constitutional. The decision upholds a city's right to make landmark designations to protect specific properties and to halt their demolition or alteration.

Although the case on which the court ruled concerned only New York's 1913 Grand Central Terminal, the decision strongly supports the validity of laws that created more than 500 landmark and historic district commissions in the United States. The court rejected a chief argument used to attack such commissions: That landmark designations deprive the owner of his constitutionally protected right to do anything he wishes with his property. That kind of argument, declared Justice William J. Brennan in the majority opinion, is "quite simply untenable".

"Approval by the Supreme Court is the ultimate test," said James Biddle, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, following announcement of the decision.

"Justice Brennan's careful analysis will encourage the cities having landmark or historic district laws to use them more vigorously. It should also encourage the passage of such laws in communities where the question of constitutionality has been debated," he added.



# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, November 21 - 8:00 p.m.  
at the Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
300 N. Washington Street, at Emmet

PROGRAM - the second program in the series, entitled:

THE CHALLENGES OF HISTORIC PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

TOPIC - "Financing for Restoration and Rehabilitation"

SPEAKERS - Benjamin Koeber, President  
National Bank of Ypsilanti

Ted Hauser, Director  
Community Development Department  
City of Ypsilanti

Herbert Bunting  
Freeman and Bunting Agency, Insurance  
Ypsilanti

Janice Mackin, Chief Auditor  
Washtenaw County

SO!!! No one needs to be told, surely, that we have a FIRST RATE group of speakers. This is our chance to hear from and talk with the people at the top on this basic, crucial, and challenging topic. Suggestion: invite - now - those people who have an interest in home ownership, especially those you know who have recently bought an older home or who are expressing an interest in ownership. Show them that there are others in Ypsilanti who care about the common problem of financing.

REFRESHMENTS will be served!!!

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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR A FINANCIAL SUCCESS!!!!

Enormous congratulations to Karen Nickels and her committee!!! You will be delighted to know that the bazaar netted about \$1,000!! Special thanks are extended to Shelley Rankin, Deci Howard, Billie Wardell, Mary Warner, Jane Bird, Rosalie Clavez, Nat Edmunds, Carolyn Decker, Ann Preston, and Rene Burgess. Thanks also to Jackie Warner for the beautiful poster, Don Randazzo and Alice Wheatley for big and little signs, Jim Westfall for taking charge of the coffee corner, those who worked to set up on Thursday and to sell on Friday and those who contributed items for the sale.

Note that the tremendous success of this year's project should be a Turning Point for the bazaar. Those who worked so hard this year would like to see it involve many more members in the future. This is a time for the rallying cry: "Your Heritage Foundation Needs YOU!"

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FOUNDATION MEMBERS INSTRUCT REALTORS - Nat Edmunds, Paul Healey and Jane Bird appeared before the Board of Realtors in September to explain the Foundation, the Historic District ordinance and Commission and how the Foundation might be helpful to realtors.

JANE BIRD spoke on the Historic District Concept and related subjects to the Women's Guild of St. Luke's Church in October.

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JACK HARRIS attended the annual meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Oct. 11-13.

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Several Members, including Ann McElya and Nat Edmunds, attended the seminar at Marshall, entitled: "Upstairs and Downstairs in the Victorian House," Saturday, November 11.

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#### SPECIAL EXHIBIT

The Center for Educational Resources (Library) at EMU has announced that a special Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition entitled: TERMINAL, STATION, AND DEPOT will be on view at the library. It will be on display in the central reception area and is, of course, open to the public. The dates are November 27 to December 21.

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#### IF YOU OWN AN OLD HOUSE

Go slowly, and pay attention to what it's trying to tell you!

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#### FOUNDATION BOARD MINUTES

In accord with the Board's suggestion that a regular report on Board proceedings be made available to the membership, here are minutes of the meeting of October 10.

Present: Bird, Edmunds, Nickels, Rankin, Randazzo, Harris, VanBolt (Jane) and attorney John VanBolt

Absent: Warner, Tobias(both excused), Haab, Obermeyer

The Board approved purchase of new stationery without Board membership names listed.

Nathalie Edmunds was appointed Nominating Committee chairman to prepare slate for November election of Board members.

One vacancy exists on the Board now. Four terms expire in November: Warner, Obermeyer, Harris, Tobias.

Attorney VanBolt reported on continuing efforts to secure tax exempt status.

Longish discussion dealt with lease of the Towner House from the Presbyterian Church. Present lease expires in November.

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IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST OF PLACES: The following item was recently noticed in a London newspaper: "Ancient Homes Demolished in Error: Two Houses nearly 300 years old have been demolished without anyone realising that they were of national importance, according to a report published yesterday." The local planning officer said the case shows up deficiencies in the system and highlights the need for someone to record buildings. He proposes the appointment of an historic buildings officer.



# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, January 16, - 8:00 p.m.  
at the Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets

PROGRAM - the third program in the series, entitled:

THE CHALLENGES OF HISTORIC PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

TOPIC - "Ypsilanti's Historic District Ordinance: The First Year"

PANEL PARTICIPANTS - Members of the Historic District Commission:

Jane Bird, Chair  
Nathalie Edmunds  
Jack Harris

A. P. Marshall  
Don Randazzo  
John Van Bolt

From the vantage point of having worked directly with the ordinance for the past year, the members of the Historic District Commission will outline the salient features of the document and then discuss its implementation as they have carried out their responsibilities to the city as appointed members of the commission. From the multitude of cases brought before them, they will describe a few of the successes and failures of this first, difficult year. This should be of interest to all homeowners, not just owners of historic properties, as it involves the commissioners' combined efforts to understand and solve the innumerable problems that can arise when changes or 'improvements' are to be made to a building. It also involves communicating with those property owners who have come before the commission. Come - and hear firsthand a summary of the past year's work with perhaps the most historically significant document passed by Ypsilanti's City Officials in recent years - the document designed to "safeguard the heritage of the City of Ypsilanti." Come! There will be time for questions! And refreshments will follow! Call a friend, bring a neighbor! Non-members welcome, too!

BOARD MEMBERS: Note!  
Please come at 7:00  
Tuesday, so that the  
Board can transact its  
business prior to the  
general meeting.

Mary Warner would like  
your dues. And your  
editor, Jack Harris,  
would like some news!

DOWNTOWN YPSILANTI - LOOKING UP?  
Did you know that the city has recently  
been awarded a matching grant of \$7,000  
from the State History Division for a  
Facade Study of downtown Ypsilanti??  
This means that \$14,000 will be used  
to study and draw up designs for re-  
vivation of fronts in our downtown area.  
In most cases where this kind of study  
has been made, visible improvements  
have followed.

DON'T DISPAIR about Huron Street:

Besides the miraculous restoration of the Cornwell-Beyer-Hobb  
House, you may note that Dale Hooker and associates have begun  
renovation of the interior of Old City Hall; George Stripp and  
his law firm have completed their elaborate plans for renovation  
of the old Municipal Court building, and the two remaining city  
properties will be up for sale soon.



# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 20 - 8:00 p.m.  
at the Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets

PROGRAM - the fourth program in the series:

THE CHALLENGES OF HISTORIC PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

TOPIC - "Do's and Don't's of Restoration and Rehabilitation"

SPEAKER - Richard Neumann, Architect  
Preservation Urban Design, Inc.

Mr. Neumann will explore the idea of the environment as a constantly changing entity and the consequent implications for existing buildings. He will deal with the question of appropriate and inappropriate ways to meet the challenge of change as it pertains to the built environment. In other words, alterations right and wrong. As a key member of a nationally known preservation planning and design firm, he has been involved in varying degrees with recent and on-going preservation projects in Ypsilanti: Depot Town, the Gilbert House, the Ladies Literary Club, Old City Hall, etc.

COME! Bring questions - and friends!!

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BOARD MEMBERS: Note!

Please come at 7:00 Tuesday,  
so that the Board can transact  
its business prior to the  
general meeting.

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

A brief questionnaire will be distributed at the March meeting - this is an opportunity for you to make suggestions regarding the Foundation, and to volunteer to work with other Foundation members on those activities that interest you. We need more volunteers for the Christmas Bazaar, the Program Committee, the Fourth of July Float and the Newsletter Committee.

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FALL ELECTIONS:

At its November meeting the Heritage Foundation held elections for positions on the Executive Board. The results were the election of three new board members, Joyce Kelly, Janice Mackin, and Rosalie Clavez, and the re-election of two previous board members, Jack Harris and Mary Warner, to new terms. We are also pleased to announce that the Executive Board re-elected Jane Bird, Nathalie Edmunds, and Mary Warner to new terms as President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. In addition, Nathalie Edmunds, will continue to serve as Program Chairwoman, and Jack Harris has agreed to continue editing the Newsletter. Rosalie Clavez will serve as publicity chairwoman for the Foundation.

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MARKERS

The Foundation's Marker Committee is currently reviewing nominations for Historic Markers. The presentation of the 1979 awards will be held at the May meeting. The May Newsletter will contain information about the recipients of the awards.



YPSILANTI REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES AND IDEASDOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION:

As spring approaches there are many signs of revitalization visible in downtown Ypsilanti. Along North Huron Street, work continues on the interiors of the Old City Hall and the Beyer Apartment Building. The plans of the law firm, Stripp, Roberts, Manchester and Allen, to rehabilitate the Old Courthouse at 206 N. Huron Street have been approved by the Historic District Commission. Work has already begun on the interior there.

In Depot Town, the owners of Depot Exchange are planning to open their new bar, the Sidetrack, in a few days. The Sidetrack, which will serve sandwiches and feature jazz musicians, is located at 56 E. Cross Street, the site of the former Central Bar. The new owners have attempted to restore the building's significant details, its nineteenth century store front, the pressed tin ceiling, and the magnificent columned bar that takes up one whole wall. Inside they have removed the heating ducts from the ceiling and hidden them behind the walls, restored the original mahogany colored stain of the bar, and added turn of the century light fixtures. It promises to provide a very attractive interior.

CURRENT RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY

- 1) The Community Development Block Grant Program has 29 active applications, with construction taking place on five units. The City has obligated approximately \$30,000 and has a large amount of uncommitted money; income limits will be adjusted as permitted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 2) The Neighborhood Improvement Loan Program has recently been funded by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Beginning this month (March, 1979) low-interest loans (1% to 7% simple interest) will be available to persons owning/purchasing property in designated target areas. Income ceilings are \$14,000 after a \$750 deduction for every household member. Maximum loan principle is \$15,000 for single family dwelling units and \$5,000 per unit for structures at 2 to 4 units. The total amount of funding available is \$300,000 which must be expended within one year.
- 3) HUD Section 312 Loan Program. The City has been allocated \$100,000 in S.312 funding for 3% home improvement loans. Under this program, low income persons will be given priority. The City will advertise in the Ypsilanti Press when they are ready to begin this program.

Application's are welcome from all low to moderate income residents and property owners who plan to rehabilitate old houses. YOU may qualify for a low interest loan or grant. Tell others in your neighborhood, especially senior citizens who may not know about these programs. Contact the Community Development Department, City of Ypsilanti, telephone 483-1100.

ROOFING

Are you thinking of doing something about that leaky roof of yours . . . like repairing it? If so - consider this.

The average roof of 3 tab - 235lb - asphalt shingles properly applied to a moderate slope will last 15 years. A very steep roof will last perhaps 20 years.

If you have what you consider premature failure look for damage caused by wind, hail, falling tree limbs or other sources of impact damage. A valley may have suffered from ice damage or even may have been stepped on. Improperly installed flashing will not last the life of the roof.

So if you discover that you can in fact repair your roof instead of replacing it, you may save a considerable amount of money. However, be sure that what you are repairing is premature failure and not a roof that is beyond repair and in need of replacing.



# NEWSLETTER

## NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, May 15 - 8:00 p.m.  
At the Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets

## PROGRAM

- 1) Presentation of Historic Structure Marker Awards
- 2) Conclusion of the series:

### THE CHALLENGES OF HISTORIC PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

## TOPIC

- Ypsilanti's Architectural Heritage

## SPEAKERS

- Jane Bird, President  
Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation  
Presentation of Awards
- Jack Harris, Professor of English  
Eastern Michigan University  
Member, Historic District Commission

In response to popular demand Jack Harris will present a new slide program on Ypsilanti architecture.

Jane Bird will show slides and comment on those buildings that will be designated by Historic Structure Markers. The owners of the following buildings will receive awards and will be our

### GUESTS OF HONOR

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| 1) 109 Catherine (c. 1850)              | John Littlejohn               |
| 2) 116 Maple (c. 1883)                  | Allan Richmond                |
| 3) 409 North Adams (c. 1895)            | Christine Preston             |
| 4) 315 North Grove (c. 1896)            | David and Christine Blinn     |
| 5) 943 North River (c. 1865)            | Highland Cemetery Association |
| (the caretaker's house at the cemetery) |                               |
| 6) 119 South Washington (c. 1860)       | Judge and Mrs. Robert Fink    |
| 7) 118 College Place (c. 1865)          | William Short III             |
| 8) 323 Maple (c. 1893)                  | Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Weir      |
| 9) 328 East Cross (c. 1895)             | Mr. and Mrs. George Grant     |

Refreshments following the meeting.

## NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK

May 6-12 is designated National Historic Preservation Week by the National Trust. The Heritage Foundation celebrates the week by making its annual presentation of Historic Structure Marker Awards. Coming as it does in the spring, Preservation Week provides us with an excellent opportunity to pause and review the progress that Ypsilanti has made towards preserving its architectural heritage. Historic Structure Marker awards are presented to property owners whose buildings are well maintained, either, in a manner that closely approximates the original architectural condition, or appropriately renovated in a manner that does not detract from the original architectural style. The Foundation hopes that a continuing program to honor owners of historic structures will focus public attention on the unique architectural heritage of our community and encourage other owners to preserve and upgrade their buildings.

## HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

Buoyed up by the success of last year's home tour, the Foundation is planning another tour, but this time it will be held in conjunction with the "Ypsilanti Yesteryear" Festival. The tour which will run both Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, will include different buildings each day. Among the buildings that will be featured on the tour are several on Huron Street, the old city hall, the old courthouse (soon to be the law offices of Stripp, Roberts, Manchester and Allen) and Sesquicentennial Hall; two on the south side, Child and Family Services Building and the home of John Littlejohn; downtown, the apartment of Ann Wallace; and on the east side, Casa Loma. Sunday's tour will feature Ypsilanti's historic churches.

As with last year's tour, guides will provide visitors with a brief orientation to the architectural style and historical significance of each structure. An illustrated brochure with a brief history of each structure will also be provided. Because the tour has been expanded to two days, a much larger number of guides will be needed this year. Please volunteer! Sign up sheets will be passed around at the May 15 meeting.

## "YPSILANTI YESTERYEAR" FESTIVAL

GET READY !!!

--for the "Ypsilanti Yesteryear" Festival  
August 24, 25, and 26

This, without question, is going to be the biggest community event Ypsilanti has seen since the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Having discovered that Ypsilanti has some history and architecture worth tooting its horn about, the Michigan State Department of Commerce has granted the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce \$15,000 with which to sponsor a heritage festival. Under the guidance of Richard Baird, its director, the Ypsilanti Visitors and Convention Bureau has contributed an additional \$7,600. It is hoped that the Festival will become an annual event.

Nathalie Edmunds and Marcia Harrison are co-chairpersons. Plans are well under way with over fifty community organizations participating in the BIG EVENT. There will be something for everyone! Here is a sneak preview of just some of the attractions to be featured during the three-day festival:

Midway on the Washington Street Promenade  
Highwire act on Frog Island (all 3 days!)  
Community dinner at the Spaghetti Bender (Friday evening)  
Huron Valley Rose Society annual Rose Show  
Historic exhibits at City Hall, Library, Ladies Literary Club  
Arts and Crafts show along West Cross Street  
Two ice cream socials!!  
Rotary Club pancake breakfast  
Kiwanis Club BBQ ... And More!

Vaudeville acts, musical groups, clowns in Depot Town  
Merry Squires Square Dance Troupe  
Open house at historic churches, the Water Tower

AND!

HERITAGE FOUNDATION TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES AND BUILDINGS

(Saturday and Sunday)



# NEWSLETTER

September 1979

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, September 25 - 8:00 PM  
At the Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets  
Enter via Chapel, NW Corner of building

PROGRAM:

First of a new series of programs:

THE OLD HOUSE CLINIC

TOPIC

- "Evaluating the Old House"

SPEAKER

- Don Randazzo, Contractor and Expert in Building Maintenance

Don has a long and well established reputation in the Ypsilanti area for expertise in carpentry and building maintenance. He has gained additional experience through serving the community for nearly two years as a member of the Historic District Commission. As a result of his work on the Commission, he has been referred to as the "builder with the known interest in historic preservation." The Commission has found his assistance invaluable. Don was also awarded a scholarship last year to attend the Maintenance Workshop in Little Rock, Arkansas, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He returned with even more practical information - information that he is willing to share!

Want to learn about what moisture can do to the old house?  
Should a roof be repaired or replaced?

This is the chance to get the answers to those questions that have troubled you for so long. Lively, useful discussion is anticipated. Bring a friend! Call others whom you think might be interested!  
Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

DATE: Friday, November 9

PLACE: Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti

Please HELP! HELP! HELP!

All kinds of articles are needed for the bazaar - crafts, baked goods, home canned goods, plants, books and rummage (items not larger than a bread box). We are in dire need of items.

We also need people to WORK! Please call Christine Blinn, 483-3512 to set up a time to work. Bazaar shops are held Wednesday mornings at the home of Christine Blinn.

Items for the bazaar may be dropped to the church basement on Thursday, November 8. There will be a drop-off there from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. If you need

items picked up, call Christine Blinn

There will be crafts people demonstrating their talents at the bazaar Set this date on your calender!

### MISCELLANEOUS

DUES are due!

DID YOU KNOW --

The Ypsilanti Board of Realtors contributed the very generous gift of \$100 to the Foundation in recognition of its efforts to encourage preservation, restoration and adaptive use of Ypsilanti's old buildings. Thank you, realtors!

### NOTE:

The 1980 Heritage Foundation Calendars are available - and better than ever!

### HOME TOUR

The Heritage Foundation Annual Home Tour was again a resounding success A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who worked on this highlight of the first annual Ypsilanti Yesteryear Festival.

### NEWS FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The city has just received a major Small Cities Grant of \$600,000. Other small grants are pending.

### A WORD OF ADVICE:

Un heated attics and crawl spaces need ventilation, winter and summer. So when Fall comes DON'T close the openings that let these spaces "breathe." This is important to prevent moisture problems. Learn more about this at this month's meeting!



November 1979

# NEWSLETTER

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 27, 8:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti  
Corner of Emmet and Washington Streets

## A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM(Second in the Series - OLD HOUSE CLINIC)

"Researching the Old House, How to Discover its Age and History"

## TWO SPEAKERS OF STATEWIDE PROMINENCE!!!

- I. Peter Schmitt of Kalamazoo  
The Archives, Western Michigan University. He also teaches The History of Architecture and Popular Culture. He has also written a nationally-known book on nineteenth century architecture in Kalamazoo. We can assure you, he will speak with AUTHORITY, verve, and good humor on . . .  
"The Use of Public Records and Researching the Old House"
- II. Diana Reedy of Lansing  
Chairperson of Save the Moon House, Inc. (Moon House is one of the last Eastlake houses in Lansing, a house designed, built, and lived in by Darius Moon, prominent local architect.) Well-known in the Lansing area, she is active in local politics and historic preservation. She will show slides and talk enthusiastically on . . .  
"Research on Moon House"

REFRESHMENTS will be served. This is a program of interest for anyone who cares about old houses: we expect a large crowd and a lively sharing of discoveries. Call friends and neighbors who might be interested in such a program. Useful handouts will be available.

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WOULD YOU LIKE A BAZAAR REPORT?  
Mary Warner tells us that our bazaar this year grossed \$765!! The entire Foundation membership extends their most sincere appreciation to Christine Blinn for her devotion to the CAUSE as Chairperson and to all of those before and on the day!

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Will you be at . . .  
The Annual HERITAGE FOUNDATION Christmas PARTY, Saturday, Dec. 15 at John and Jane VanBolt's?  
Invitations will go out to PAID MEMBERS ONLY. Our Special Guests will be our Calendar Artists and House Tour Owners.

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REMINDER: THIS IS OUR ANNUAL MEETING: ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND A BRIEF TREASURER'S REPORT.